



City of Yakima

# **NEWS RELEASE**

Subject: Traffic Interruption on Nob Hill

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## **Installation of Machinery at Shields Will Interrupt Nob Hill Traffic**

Traffic on Nob Hill Boulevard between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be intermittently interrupted for most of the day on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> while cranes are used to install new machinery at Shields Bag and Printing. The traffic interruptions are expected to begin at 9:00 am that day and last until about 3:00 pm.

New equipment used to produce bags will be lowered into one of the Shields Bag and Printing buildings through its roof. To accomplish that task, a crane will be operating in the two westbound lanes of Nob Hill near Rock Avenue.

To ensure the highest level of safety, the two westbound lanes of Nob Hill between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be closed throughout the day on February 25<sup>th</sup> and traffic on the Nob Hill overpass will be restricted to one lane in each direction. Traffic on the overpass may also be restricted to a single lane at times during the day. When that restriction occurs, eastbound and westbound traffic will alternate use of the single lane that will be open across the overpass.

Flaggers will be on site to help direct traffic while the machinery installation project is ongoing.

During the project, traffic delays in the area are likely to occur. Drivers should use alternate routes if possible until the project is completed. The City Engineering Division suggests drivers use either Mead Avenue or Walnut Avenue as alternate routes.

Access to homes and businesses in the area will be maintained while the project is underway. Emergency vehicles, Yakima Transit buses, and school buses will be allowed through the project area if necessary.

As always, the schedule for this type of project is subject to change daily, dependant on weather, equipment failure, and emergencies.

For additional information regarding this project, contact Construction Supervisor Bruce Floyd at 575-6138.

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